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## MILLION DOLLAR FIRE IN TIJUANA, BLAZE SWEEPING THROUGH ENTIRE BLOCK

Flames Ravage Unchecked When Water Supply Fails—Started In Vernon Club Kitchen.

In Thirty Minutes Entire Section, Including Five Bars and Numerous Stores, Is Wiped Out.

San Diego, Calif., Sept. 22 (AP)—Flames starting in the Vernon club in Tijuana early this morning spread through an entire block that included some of the best known resorts in the border city, causing a loss that business men estimated would total nearly \$1,000,000.

Reports from the border town were that the fire broke out in a kitchen attached to the Vernon club shortly after 4 a. m. The blaze quickly spread to adjoining structures.

Shortly after the local fire department arrived, the water supply gave out and there was then nothing for the inhabitants to do but to stand helplessly by and watch the fire spread.

In 30 minutes practically all the structures in the block that included the San Francisco Cantina, the Tivoli bar, the San Diego bar, Gonzalez bar, Alhambra cafe, the Turf bar, the Log Cabin, a curio store and offices as well as a number of other buildings were ablaze.

## MALTBIE EXPLAINS RULES OF STATUTES

Says Justice for Majority, Not Individual, Is Basis

New Haven, Sept. 22 (AP)—A dissenting opinion by Associate Justice Maltbie in the supreme court filed in superior court takes issue with the other members of the court which in its decision ordered a new trial for Ernest Schleiter, railroad union organizer at the time of the strike of shipmen on the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad who had been convicted of inducing to violence in the strikes and had been given a three to five years prison sentence.

Judge Maltbie in his opinion declared that "Anglo-Saxon jurisprudence is not designed to do justice to each individual accused and arraigned before the court, but the end sought has been the establishment of orderly procedure by the formulation of rules, rules which will do justice in the majority of cases but which must be applied even though justice may now and then result."

Judge Maltbie also takes issue with the majority opinion on the points of law which the court said warranted a new trial for the accused. He said in part: "A fair trial to the accused does not require that every possible protection shall be thrown about him but over against his right must be set the right of society to protect itself against crime and social disorder."

Judge Maltbie says that the waste of time, effort and money which the new trial entails warrants a careful weighing of the claims made to determine whether the finding of the high court majority was sound in fact and sufficient in law.

Los Angeles, Sept. 22 (AP)—Income tax law against Barbara La Marr and Lew Cody, motion picture actors, have been filed by the collector of internal revenue, Miss La Marr is alleged to owe the government \$227 for 1924 and Cody \$450.

Health Officer Resigns  
Stamford, Sept. 22 (AP)—Dr. Raymond E. Farr, 52, full time health officer of the city, and in office about a year and a half, today resigned, effective Nov. 2, to accept a position with an insurance company to follow health research work.

Most Popular Girl Contest Opens Today  
A popularity contest to determine who New Britain's most popular girl is, begins today under the auspices of the Disabled Veterans of the World War and will continue to October 7, when the girl receiving the greatest number of votes will be presented with a diamond ring.

Envelopes for voting were received today and are now available at the Capitol, Lyceum and Palace theaters, and at Crowell's, Dickenson's and the City Drug stores.

Each vote must be accompanied by five cents, the money to go to the disabled veterans for their work in aiding unfortunate ex-servicemen.

Votes may be returned to the places mentioned above or mailed to Deway C. Selander at 634 Stanley street.

It is planned to distribute envelopes at a later date in the factories.

## BUSINESS SUSPENDED AS MEN HUNT SLAYER

Toluca, Ill., Township of 800 Turns Out as One Big Posse

Toluca, Ill., Sept. 22 (AP)—Business halted here today while this little town of 800 persons vigorously pressed a man hunt for Joseph Stemas, sixty-year-old crazed miner who killed two peace officers. Every available man of the town was under arms and a posse of 100 was being rapidly augmented as it searched cornfields a mile north of Toluca where Stemas had sought refuge.

As the posse advanced a methodical search was made of every field and members of the posse, many of whom were war veterans, deployed in World War fashion. They were equipped with tear bombs. At first it was thought Stemas was trapped last night in a deserted farmhouse near town. Bombs were hurled into the house but the man was not there.

Stemas shot and killed Sheriff Orville Mitchell, 29, and John Leonard, 55, night chief of police, when the officers tried to arrest him at his home last night. He shot the officers with an automatic shotgun and a revolver when they burst through the bolted doors of his home where they had sought to arrest him for beating his wife.

Peoria, Illinois, Sept. 22 (AP)—Joseph Spenzar, a coal miner, who shot and killed John Leonard, Toluca police chief and Sheriff Orville Mitchell, was surrounded in a farmhouse near Toluca early today by a posse, which asked that tear bombs be rushed from Peoria to dislodge the fugitive.

Spenzar previously had escaped from a house in Toluca in which he had barricaded himself after the shooting, threatening to kill the first man who attempted to take him.

Officers believe he is deranged and doubt if he can be taken alive. Mitchell and Leonard were fatally wounded when they went to Spenzar's home after neighbors had complained of threats he made to kill any one who came near him. As the officers attempted to enter, Spenzar opened fire with a shotgun, killing the sheriff instantly. Leonard died a half hour later.

After the shooting, Spenzar fled but returned later and locked himself in, defying the armed crowd who came to take him.

PURCHASING AGENT GOING TO NEW JERSEY COMPANY  
Thomas E. Salmon of North & Judd's To Retire From Concern's Employ on October 1.

Thomas E. Salmon, purchasing agent of North & Judd Mfg. Co., will retire from the corporation's employ on October 1 to become purchasing agent of the Delaval Steam Turbine Co., of Trenton, N. J.

Mr. Salmon has been with North & Judd for about ten years. He is popular with his fellow employees and has been prominent in the affairs of the "Anchor Brand" club as well as other social activities connected with the corporation. He is a member of New Britain Lodge, No. 257, B. P. O. E., and of the Knights of Columbus in New York city. He is also president of the Hartford County Purchasing Agents' association.

Mr. Salmon, with his wife and son, Thomas, live at 749 East street.

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## FORMER POWER IN G. O. P. CIRCLES DIES

William T. Hartman Held High Office in Republican Party

SUCCUMBS EATING SUPPER

Led Attack Which Resulted In Removal of Frank E. Healy As State Tax Commissioner—Was P. & F. Corbin Superintendent.

Former Councilman William T. Hartman, for 37 years connected with the P. & F. Corbin branch of the American Hardware Corp., of which he was superintendent for a number of years, died suddenly at his home in Hamden last evening.

Death occurred while he was at dinner and was reported as being due to heart failure.

Mr. Hartman was born in New Britain and was 67 years old. He was a member of New Britain Lodge, No. 257, B. P. O. E., and was engaged in the metal business at New Haven at the time of his death.

During his residence in New Britain, Mr. Hartman took an active interest in politics. He was councilman from the second ward, chairman of the republican town committee and several times on the republican state central committee.

War Horse of Second Ward  
He was the republican leader of the second ward and practically dictated republican politics in that section for years. Old politicians in the city tell many interesting stories of political battles in New Britain when "Billy" Hartman was in the harness.

One story which is repeated with more or less lack of verification by local politicians deals with a time when a so-called reform aggregation started to clean up the second ward and planned to overthrow the then present leaders and elect new members. The caucus was called for 8 o'clock in a store in that section. Members of the crowd were tipped off, the meeting opened on time; then somebody turned back the clock a half hour. Those who were not in the secret waited until the clock again registered 8 and were told the caucus was over.

Mr. Hartman leaves one son, Clarence E., of New Britain, and three daughters, Mrs. R. L. Holbrook of New Haven, Mrs. George Warner of Naugatuck and Mrs. John W. Newton of Meriden.

FUNERAL TOMORROW  
The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon with services at the Edwin chapel. Rev. Dr. George W. C. Hill will officiate. Interment will be in Fairview cemetery. Pall bearers will be members of New Britain Lodge of Elks, as follows: Exalted Ruler Dudley T. Holmes, Harry C. Brown, Ernest N. Humphrey, Fred A. Parsons, Richard Cover and John A. Andrews.

Led Attack on Healy  
New Haven, Sept. 22 (AP)—William T. Hartman, a former member of the republican state central committee during the administration of Governor Woodruff, died of heart trouble last night at his home in Hamden. He was formerly of New Britain and as a manufacturer was well known in the state.

It was Mr. Hartman who appeared in the charges preferred against Frank E. Healy, then tax commissioner and now attorney general, and which were heard before Governor Woodruff. As a result of the evidence offered Mr. Healy was removed as commissioner.

GIRL WHO JILTED HER LOVER WEDS ANOTHER  
Miss Nancy Sayles of Pawtucket. Heiress to \$5 Million, and New Yorker Marry Today

Pawtucket, R. I., Sept. 22 (AP)—Marriage intentions of Miss Nancy Sayles, daughter of the late Frank A. Sayles, wealthy Pawtucket manufacturer, and Lee Garnett Day, an importer of New York, were filed here today. Miss Sayles was formerly engaged to Lieutenant Ernesto J. Reel, first assistant secretary of the Italian ministry of the interior.

Mr. Day is a son of Henry Mason Day of New York. They were married at noon today. Rev. Frederick S. Peck, pastor of St. Stephen's church of Providence, performed the ceremony at the bride's home, Salehorne, in the presence of her mother and 15 other relatives and friends.

The wedding of Miss Sayles to Lieutenant Reel had been set for Aug. 12 last. While the lieutenant was at sea on his way here, Miss Sayles' mother announced that the wedding had been postponed.

Lieutenant Reel later returned to Italy. Miss Sayles is heiress to a part of the estate left by her father which an appraisal filed in New York yesterday revealed to total more than \$5,000,000.

CHICKEN POPULATION  
Dept. of Agriculture Places Number of 400 Million—Could Make 100,000 Mile Parade.

Washington, Sept. 22 (AP)—The chicken population of the United States was placed at 400,000,000 today by the department of agriculture. This number, the department said, would make a procession of chickens 100,000 miles long and they could lay enough eggs each year to reach from the earth to the moon and back again.

## Man Thought to Be Anderson Is Taken into Custody in Florida

Suspect Claimed to Be Member of Masonic Lodge But Is Unable to Prove It—Fingerprints Said to Tally With Those of Missing Pal of Chapman.

Winterhaven, Fla., Sept. 22 (AP)—A man believed by police to be George "Dutch" Anderson, former accomplice of Gerald Chapman, but who gave his name as R. L. Bullman, former mayor of Williamstown, Va., and once the head of an electric company at Marietta, Ohio, was arrested here today.

Police said they received a tip that the man believed to be Anderson was on his way to this city and his arrest resulted. He was ordered held in jail pending complete identification.

The man, who was well dressed, had a number of masonic cards and declared he was a Mason but on being questioned by city Judge Walker and other Masons gave evasive and unsatisfactory answers and could not establish connection with a Masonic lodge.

Fingerprints of the prisoner were said to tally with those of Anderson. Telegrams were sent to federal offices in Atlanta.

Parkersburg, W. Va., Sept. 22 (AP)—R. L. Bullman, former mayor of Williamstown, W. Va., has been in Florida for two weeks a member of his family said today when informed of a report from Winterhaven, Fla., that a man under arrest there, suspected of being George "Dutch" Anderson, had given Bullman's name. Bullman was at a hotel in Tampa, Fla., when members of his family last heard from him.

Muncie, Ind., Sept. 22 (AP)—George (Dutch) Anderson and Charles (One-Arm) Wolfe were formally indicted yesterday by the county grand jury for the murder here August 14 of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hance. Hance, who had given information concerning Gerald Chapman, mail handler and convicted murderer, is believed to have been slain to avenge the capture of Chapman, caught here last January.

Both indictments charge first degree murder. Wolfe, held in prison here, will be arraigned in a few days. A nationwide hunt is being conducted for Anderson.

FURNACE MURDER LATEST KILLING  
New York Woman's Body Charred Beyond Recognition  
CORPSE IN LUMBER KILN BORN HERE 51 YEARS AGO

Fireman in Lumber Yard Arrested For Slaying, Almost Bites Off Policeman's Finger in Battle—Victim Possibly Burned to Death.

New York, Sept. 22 (AP)—Police today discovered the body of Mrs. Sophie Poleski, a young woman of the east side, in the furnace of a lumber yard in Lewis street. George Symuk, married man and fireman of the lumber yard, was arrested for the woman's death. The police believe that she was placed in the furnace while still alive.

Heard Woman's Screams  
Patrolman William Morlock, hearing a woman's screams coming from the lumber yard, went to investigate. He was unable to gain admittance by the locked gate and scaled the wall. Scrambling over piles of lumber he ran to the lumber yard building. Meantime the woman's screams had ceased.

Bites Policeman  
The policeman found Symuk near the furnace but he denied that any woman was in the place. The fireman fled as Morlock began to question him. Morlock fired his revolver. The shot was heard by two other policemen who intercepted Symuk as he ran from the lumber yard. After a struggle, in which he almost bit off one of Morlock's fingers, Symuk was subdued.

Body in Furnace  
The three policemen took the prisoner back to the furnace room. They found the woman's body inside the furnace, the door of which had been closed and a shovel propped against it. The body was burned almost beyond recognition.

Dr. Moore of Bellevue hospital said an autopsy would be necessary to determine whether the woman was burned alive or whether she was first killed by blows over the head. The police believe she was beaten unconscious and then placed in the furnace while still alive.

Intended Suicide  
Symuk told his captors that when he ran from the lumber yard he intended to commit suicide by jumping in the East river, only a short distance away. The murder was to the lumber yard of Ekenroth and Son, where Symuk had been employed for two years. He lived in Avenue B with his wife, Mrs. Poleski who was 28 years old. Lived in East 11th street, with her husband, a waiter.

Was Still Alive  
Mrs. Poleski was placed in the furnace while still alive, and was burned to death. Medical Examiner Schwartz announced, following an autopsy.

The medical examiner found two fractures on the woman's skull.

## SHENANDOAH'S GAS CELLS EXPANDED BEFORE LAST BREAK-UP, ACCORDING TO TESTIMONY OF SURVIVOR TODAY

Sec. Wilbur Vigorously Opposes Separate U. S. Aviation Service

Insists That Navy Needs Own Air Force as "Vital Element of Naval Battle"—President's Aircraft Board Hears Further Testimony Today.

Washington, Sept. 22 (AP)—Maintenance of the navy air service organization in substantially its present form was advocated today by Secretary Wilbur before the president's air board.

Called as the first witness of the day by the board, which yesterday inquired into the policy of the war department and the army air service, Mr. Wilbur emphatically expressed creation of a department of national defense. Such a step, he declared, would be a "well nigh irreparable mistake."

Opposes Separate Agency  
"An essential part of the fabric of the navy itself and its administration, like all other administrative problems internal to the navy, will, if unmolested by outside influences, be solved with the same efficiency, and with the same happy results as has been obtained in similar problems in the past."

The secretary likewise expressed opposition to establishment of the naval air service as a separate corps analogous to the marine corps and declared against a single air service, maintained for national defense, but not under the army or navy.

Needs Own Air Force  
The navy, he said, requires its own air forces as "a vital element of a naval battle," adding that if a "vital component part of a navy is under the direction and authority of an independent air service, it is a mistake."

ADMIRAL EDERLE ALSO BACKS UP SEC. WILBUR  
Believes That Aviation Is Really Part of Naval Fleet

Washington, Sept. 22 (AP)—The position of Secretary Wilbur in favor of maintaining substantially the present organization for naval aviation was supported before the president's air board today by Admiral Ederle, chief of naval operations.

Establishment of "an independent air force which will be controlled by another government department," would be contrary to the recognized doctrine of unity of effort in battle, the admiral said, and would "bring disaster to national defense interests."

He also opposed proposals to form a unified air force for the army and navy, or a separate air corps in the navy analogous to the marine corps.

"Naval aviation is a part of the fleet," Admiral Ederle said, "and therefore should be organized to work with the fleet on principles similar to those governing other arms, such as destroyers and submarines."

"We do not want divided authority or responsibility or loyalty within the fleet—we do not want another layer created within the navy. In our naval aviation we want to see able, unimpaired, combined with good seamanship."

"Where both the army and navy are operating together, we have difficulty in adjusting conflicting views on each service, but unfortunately we may in most cases supply the good old rule that the admiral commands at sea and the general on land; but with our independent air force present at all times with the navy what rule are we going to apply to overseas operations?"

"No system which does not give to the commander-in-chief complete control over the training, discipline and operations in their entirety of the naval air force, will stand the stress and strain of war."

"This is not the time to experiment with our national defense, but rather for sane and progressive development of new weapons and elements of warfare and their consolidation with the other fighting units of the army and navy."

Adam Died of Gout Says Ancient Briton Paper  
London, Sept. 22 (AP)—Adam died of the gout, says an ancient document held by the Herald's college of London, the document, the origin of which is unknown but which was written in the sixteenth century, professes to trace the genealogy of the Saxon kings back to Adam and Eve.

Adam succumbed to the "goute," it is declared, and was buried in Hibernia. Whether if he had continued to eat an apple a day, he would have kept the doctor away is not mentioned.

## PRESIDENT BALKS AT LEAGUE DISARMAMENT

Says U. S. Should Take Part Only if Congress So Votes

Washington, Sept. 22 (AP)—American participation in disarmament conference plans of the League of Nations should only be undertaken if congress authorizes it, in the judgment of President Coolidge.

The President wants to do nothing to discourage efforts for reduction in armament by mutual agreement, but he is not inclined to co-operate in a League of Nations disarmament conference if there is a possibility that congress will object.

No suggestion whether the Washington government will be asked to take part in the expert committee of the league which will discuss plans for a disarmament agreement has reached here through official channels.

TWIN TOTS DIE WITHIN FEW HOURS OF EACH OTHER  
Carmella and Rose Averso, Aged Three Months' Pass Away At Lawlor Street Home

Carmella and Rose Averso, three months old twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Averso of 251 Lawlor street, passed away within a few hours of each other last night and this morning. Carmella died last night at 7 o'clock and Rose this morning at 7 o'clock. The funeral will be held from their late home tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock and burial will be in St. Mary's cemetery.

CUT OFF WITH ONLY \$15 BRINGS SUIT FOR \$3000  
Cora Washburn Acted as House-keeper For Augustus G. Smith For Three Years.

Cut off with a bequest of only \$15 after having served as a housekeeper for three years, Cora Washburn has brought suit against the New Britain Trust Co., executor of the will of the late Augustus G. Smith, to recover \$3,000 damages.

The plaintiff claims that from 1921 to 1924 she kept house for Smith, providing meals, doing laundry and performing other duties which she estimates were worth \$1,517 and that for her services she received no pay, it being understood that she would be compensated in his will. She also alleges, out her off with but \$15 and her request for more has been refused by the heirs. Nair & Nair issued the writ, which is returnable in the superior court the first Tuesday of November. Deputy Sheriff Martin H. Horwitz served the papers today.

JUDGE DOUBLES FINES IMPOSED ON MELTZERS  
Increased Husband's Penalty to \$20 and Wife's to \$40 in Disposing of Appeal

Hartford, Sept. 22 (AP)—When Abraham Meltzer and his wife appeared before Judge Newell Jennings in superior court this morning on their appeal from the decision of the New Britain police court where they were fined \$10 and \$20 respectively for assault, the judge doubled the penalty imposed in New Britain, assessing Meltzer \$20 and his wife \$40.

The Meltzers were arrested on complaint of Samuel Greenberg, who said they assaulted him during a dispute over a property line on North street.

DRIVEN TO SUICIDE  
Hartford Man, Deserted by Wife Who Took Three Children With Her, Ends Life by Hanging.

Hartford, Sept. 22 (AP)—Frank Noreika was found dead in his Wall street home this morning. He had hanged himself in the kitchen of the home which his wife deserted last Thursday. She took three children, girls, with her and left two sons with the father.

Noreika thought his wife left town with another man. He announced a reward of \$50 for the location of his wife so he could get back his three daughters. Failing to find them he became despondent and the suicide followed.

A few months ago an infant daughter of Noreika's was burned to death while the parents were out of the house for a short time.

## Lieut. Hendley's Evidence Is Directly Contrary To That of Other Officers From Ill-Fated Dirigible

None Tell of Lightning Hitting Ship But All Agree That Winds Were Terrible—Some Thrilling Stories Related.

Lakehurst, N. J., Sept. 22 (AP)—A new bit of testimony—that there was unusual expansion of the gas cells before the airship Shenandoah broke up—was given today before the naval court of inquiry investigating the loss of the ship.

Lieutenant Thomas B. Hendley testified that he was awakened by the pressure of a gas cell on his face and likewise by the unusual angle at which the ship was riding. Previous testimony had been that at this time the Shenandoah was above her pressure height—that is where the inside pressure of gas equalled the outside pressure of the air.

Pressure Not Excessive  
Before Lieutenant Hendley was called, Lieutenant Charles E. Bauch, watch officer on duty at the time, related inspection some time before the accident showed that the gas pressure was not excessive.

Both Lieutenants Hendley and Bauch as well as Lieutenant Roland G. Mayer, construction officer on board, agreed with other witnesses that the breakup occurred when the ship's nose was suddenly tilted up during a second rapid ascent.

Stories of Witnesses  
Stories as told by civilian eyewitnesses to the special investigating naval board were summarized to the court by Commander Jacob H. Klein, president of that board. He said the two most intelligent of these witnesses agreed that the ship broke at the bottom. Others, less intelligent, Commander Klein said, insisted that the craft "humped up" and broke at the top.

Wind Was Terrific  
The special board was told by some farmers near the scene of the wreck that the wind was the strongest they had ever experienced. Commander Klein said it appeared that the wind was coming from all directions at once.

Memoranda Presented  
When Commander Klein presented the documents contained in the

## OHIO FARMER TOOK IN \$5,000 FROM TOURISTS

Charged Curious Who Wanted to View Wreck of the Shenandoah

Lakehurst, Sept. 22 (AP)—One of the three Ohio farmers on whose property parts of the wreckage of the airship Shenandoah fell, took in \$5,000 in admission charges to tourists and for soft drink concessions, the naval court of inquiry was told here today by Commander Jacob H. Klein, president of the special board which investigated the wreck.

This farmer is C. W. Nixwonger and it was on his property that the main section of the wreck came to rest. Commander Klein said Nixwonger showed him his bank book carrying deposits in this amount from September 3 to 5. Because of this the officer recommended Nixwonger's claim for \$500 damages to property be disallowed.

The other farmers, a Mr. Davis and Ernest W. Nichols, put in no claim, but each made an unnamed amount from tourists. Andy Gamary, who rents part of Davis' place, claimed \$200 damages by reason of the control car and part of the ship falling on his property. Commander Klein recommended that he receive \$111.75, and that a claim for damages to the linoleum on his kitchen floor be disallowed.

"I do not think the United States government is responsible for this damage," Commander Klein said.

Suspect Commits Suicide In North Attleboro Cell  
North Attleboro, Mass., Sept. 22 (AP)—A man who gave his name as Salom Penttinen, locked up as a suspicious character, when found acting strangely on a highway, hanged himself in his cell at the police station today. He had previously started a fire in the cell and slashed his arm with an eye-glass lens. His address is unknown.

WAS DOCTOR 30 YEARS  
New Haven, Sept. 22 (AP)—Dr. Charles Vlahos, for 30 years a practicing in this city, died at his home today aged 62.